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Re: Appeal No. 2007-4016 for U.S. Application No. 09/816,152
Appeal No. 2009-0552 for U.S. Application No. 09/822,261

Dear Sir/Madam:

A "Notice of Hearing" for each of the two appeals noted above was just received setting the hearing date for both cases at 9 AM on Tuesday March 17, 2009. Copies of the Notices of Hearing, each mail dated January 14, 2009, are attached to this letter.

Please note that, although there are two Notices, the two appeals are for related applications and, thus, the two appeals are being heard together. As explained below, I respectfully request that the hearing be delayed.

The request for a delay is because I am scheduled to be out of town for the entire week of March 16th - 19th. Briefly, the conflict is because I will be attending a continuing legal education ("CLE") course in Houston, Texas. The course is being given by the University of Houston Law Center and is called "Basic Mediation Training." It is a part of my yearly CLE requirement as a member of the Texas Bar. A Receipt confirming my registration for this course is attached. As you can see, the fee for the course has been paid and, although there is a one-time cancellation policy, travel arrangements and work accommodations have already been made.

Also, I believe, as does the applicant, that I am in the best position to represent the applicant at the Hearing. I am the attorney who prepared and filed the applications with the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") and the attorney who has been prosecuting these cases before the PTO for the past seven years. I believe, as does the applicant, that I am the person most familiar with the prosecution history and the issues on appeal having prepared all substantive filings including the Appeal Briefs.

Finally, I also wish to report that I have advised the applicant that this request, if granted, would delay the Hearing for an undetermined amount of time. Nevertheless, the applicant fully supports this request for a delay.

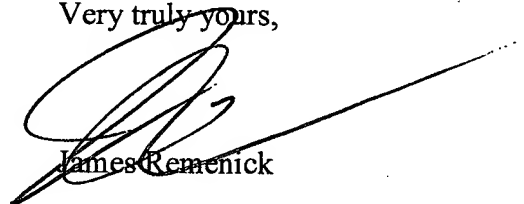


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Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Hearing be re-scheduled so that I will be able to represent the applicant and also attend the necessary CLE course in Houston, Texas.

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



James Remenick

Attached: Notice of Hearing for Appeal No. 2007-4016
 Notice of Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-0552
 Receipt for university of Houston CLE course



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Appellant: William A. Knaus, Richard D. Marks et al.
Application No: 09/822,261
Hearing Room: B
Hearing: B
Docket: Tuesday, March 17, 2009
Hearing Date: 09:00 AM
Hearing Time: Madison Building - East Wing
Location: 600 Dulany Street, 9th Floor
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NOTICE OF HEARING
CONFIRMATION REQUIRED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS

Your attention is directed to 37 CFR § 41.47. The above identified appeal will be heard by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on the date indicated. Hearings will commence at the time set and as soon as the argument in one appeal is concluded, the succeeding appeal will be taken up. The time allowed for argument is twenty minutes unless additional time is requested and permitted before the argument is commenced. If there are any inquiries, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 571-272-9797.

The application involved in this appeal has been published. Accordingly, the hearing in this appeal is open to the public.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2008
TO: **Jim Remenick**
FROM: Robyn G. Pietsch, Program Manager
RE: **March 16-20, 2009 40-Hour Basic Mediation**

This is to inform you that you are registered in the March 16-20, 2009, 40-Hour Basic Mediation training provided by the A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center at the University of Houston Law Center. Thank you for choosing to take your mediation training with us! Your receipt for the registration fee will be mailed via the U.S.P.S.

Approximately 3 days prior to the first day of the training a detailed confirmation letter and map directing you to the training location will be emailed to you including any additional information you need. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 713.743.2066.

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